12. *Miscellaneous.*—The department maintained 1,036 miles of river channels during the year. The area irrigated by these channels was 1,29,771 acres, yielding a revenue of Rs. 8,00,973. The area commanded by the Vanivilasasagara continued to be treated under the block system of irrigation during the year. 440 acres were newly brought under blocks and 64 acres excluded therefrom, leaving an aggregate area of 13,101 acres at the end of the year. The area under sugar-cane was only 142 acres.

The Krishnarajasagara discharged over the weir between the 20th July 1921 and the 30th August 1921, and again for ten days in September and four days in October 1921. The storage was quite sufficient to meet the requirements of Power Generation, hot weather irrigation, and for the feeding of the two low-level canals. The supply at the reservoir was regulated according to the rules agreed upon with the Madras Government.

Plans and estimates were completed during the year for the construction of a reservoir across the Kumudvati at Anjanapur in the Shimoga District, an anicut across the Veda river near Naranapur or Siddayyanakote in the Chitaldrug District and a new tank at Dalavoi near Singadahalli in the Tumkur District, for the extension of canals from the Vanivilasasagara and for the constuction of a bridge across Kapila at T. Narsipur in the Mysore District.

13. Government regret to observe that the revision of the schedule of rates has not yet been effected. This should no longer be delayed on any account as the want of such a schedule not only affects the progress of works adversely, but is also likely to give rise to numerous irregularities and loss to Government.

14. The inspection of works and of offices by the officers of the department is observed to be far from satisfactory. Out of 16 Division and 37 Sub-Division Offices, only 4 Division and 16 Sub-Division Offices were inspected by the Executive Engineers. The Executive Engineer, Mysore Division, is reported not to have inspected a single office, Divisional or Sub-Divisional. The Executive Engineer, Kolar, did not inspect either the District Office or the Sub-Divisional Office at Kolar. The explanations of these officers may be obtained and submitted to Government.

Government expect that more attention will be paid by all officers to this important part of their work and that the inspections themselves will be made more thoroughly and methodically than at present. Inspection notes and notes of check-measurement should invariably be maintained in the office for attention and record.

15. The thanks of the Government are due to Mr. Srinivasacharya Cadambi for his efficient management of the department during the last five years. Since September last the department has been placed under two Chief Engineers, one for Irrigation and the other for Roads and Buildings, Mr. Cadambi retiring from service from 1st January 1923. These two Chief Engineers will from that date be *ex-officio* Secretaries in their respective branches of the department. Government hope that under the new arrangement, the Chief Engineers will be able to bestow even greater attention to the work of the department and bring about a state of increasing efficiency in the execution and maintenance of the several works entrusted to it.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secy. to Govt.

Backward Class Scholarships.

READ—

Letter No. H. C. 332 of 21-22, dated the 29th May 1922, from the Inspector-General of Education proposing certain modifications in the rules for the distribution of backward class scholarships.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 215, dated the 4th November 1922, from the Secretary, Board of Education, regarding certain modifications in the rules relating to backward class scholarships.

ORDER No. E. 5030-3—EDN. 142-21-41, DATED 17TH FEBRUARY 1923.

According to the principles of distribution of backward class scholarships approved by Government in their Order No. 11767-80—Edn. 42-17-135, dated the 31st May 1919, the scholarships are distributed among the several communities in proportion to

their population and the scholarships of any grade remaining unutilised out of those allotted to any particular community in any district are redistributed among pupils of the same community in the same grade in other districts and if still unutilised the same is awarded to pupils of the same community in lower grades in the districts for which the scholarships were originally allotted.

2. For the distribution of scholarships on the population basis, communities which are smaller in number than the population unit corresponding to a single scholarship are grouped together. As the total numbers of scholarships in the several grades are different, the units of population corresponding to a single scholarship in each grade also vary. This system entails considerable labour in unnecessary calculation and confusion in utilising lapses.

3. With a view to remedying the above defects and making the scheme simple, the Inspector-General of Education has proposed that communities of similar social and economic conditions may be grouped together so that the scholarships lapsing for want of candidates of a particular community comprised in one group may be awarded to pupils of other communities included in the same group, and has submitted for approval a draft notification embodying his proposals. The Board of Education have agreed to the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education and have recommended further that the lapses in the scholarships allotted to a community in one grade may be transferred to the same community in the lower grade in any district and that scholarships still remaining unutilised may be awarded to other communities.

4. Government are pleased to approve of the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education with the modification suggested by the Board of Education. The draft notification as approved by Government is printed as an annexure to this order.

K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secy. to Govt.

NOTIFICATION.

RULES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BACKWARD CLASS AND DEPRESSED CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following revised rules *re* constitution and working of Ad Hoc Scholarship Committees for the administration of Backward Class and Depressed Class Scholarships are published for general information:—

i. The backward and depressed class scholarships will be administered by Ad Hoc Scholarship Committees, the members of which hold office for two consecutive years. In the case of a vacancy occurring in any of these Committees within this period owing either to the death of a member or his absence from three consecutive meetings or any other cause, the Inspector-General of Education shall appoint a substitute.

ii. Each Committee shall consist of a Chairman and a Secretary with three members who will ordinarily be chosen from the Backward and Depressed classes. Both in the District and Taluk Scholarship Committees, three members will form a quorum.

iii. The duties of the Chairman and the Secretary of each of the Ad Hoc Scholarship Committees will be as follows:—

(*a*) The duties of the Chairman are:—

1. To notify all recognised schools of the different grades and kinds in which the scholarships to be administered by the Committees are tenable, announcing that applications for the various grades of scholarships will be received on or before a given date by the Chairman of the Committee.

2. To issue scholarship application forms to Head Masters of Schools for supply to intending candidates and to receive all such applications on or before the date fixed in the programme.

3. To keep a register or tabulated records of all applications received.

4. To hold meetings in general accordance with the calendar adopted.

5. To make awards in accordance with the rules framed in this behalf.

(*b*) The duties of the Secretaries are:—

1. To fix in consultation with the Chairman the date and hour of meetings, notify the members *re* the time and place of meetings and make all necessary arrangements for the same; and to issue necessary instructions to the post office *re* the delivery of letters, etc., addressed merely to the designation of the Chairman or the Secretary of the Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee.